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#### GIRLS AND BOYS ON THE STREET.

Young girls from twelve and fourteen years of age to eighteen and nineteen years of age, attired in trim little tailored suits and natty hats, with plump rosy faces, who ought to be home with mother, father and brother, are too often seen sauntering around on the streets of Clarksburg after the supper hour without an escort and in twos and threes. Some of them are seen walking along with male escorts who are not many months older than they are. These escorts, too, ought to be doing something besides trotting the streets at night, idling away their time when in after years they will only too sadly realize should have been employed more profitably to themselves. These boys, nine out of every ten, have a cigarette between their lips, or a nasty smelling pipe which they handle with the seeming air of habit and long experience in their use.

But the young girls. There is something in their bright young faces when they are seen on these evening street jaunts, that should not be there. There is a look that brings a twinge to the hearts of the older and wiser. There is a swagger about their walk that seems all out of kilter with the lightfooted step of young maidhood. There is a light, flippant remark, a saucy retort and a display of a free and indecorous demeanor that becomes not young women of their age.

Young women, indeed. They are hardly more than children. They are girls, yet as young girls standing on the border between childhood and womanhood they should in all respects be as sweet and pure and innocent of indiscreet actions and unbecoming conduct as the fresh young flower that blows in the morning breeze. A young girl of this age should appear to every one with whom she comes in contact immaculate, infinitely chaste and pure, simple and yet refined in manners, free from design and immodest thought or expression, guileless and stainless until she seems almost a holy being, whose presence ought to give a purifying influence to the atmosphere of her surroundings. She should command the highest respect and regard from the young and old, the good and the bad, the pious and the profane.

And yet these young girls are out on the streets of a night long after the time of the curfew bell, dawdling and sauntering along with a knowing egotistical air when they ought to be in their own homes with their school text book in hand or otherwise devoting their time to self culture and education.

Self culture. There is something in it, more valuable to the young woman of whom we speak than all the gold and riches that could be piled at her feet. It is something that uplifts her, advances her to higher realms and to a better, purer and nobler conception of her being here upon this earth. It is something that can never be taken away from her and an investment that pays compound interest throughout her life, something from which she accrues continuous and everlasting enjoyment.

But, is the presence of these young girls upon the streets entirely their own fault? Is there not something that should prevent them from being there? Where are their fathers and mothers? Why is it that they cannot see this awful danger that is hanging over the sweet and maidenly flower of their household?

should not be, then make haste to throw your arm of protection around her and guard the most precious and valuable treasure you ever had, a treasure for which you should thank God that you are enabled to possess. Guide her aright in her walk, talk, expression and decorum. It is, alas, too much the fault of the mothers and fathers. A mother's duty is not done when she simply clothes her girl in as good and as stylish garments as her next door neighbor's little girl, and sends her off to school. She has a responsibility upon her shoulders the importance of which it is impossible for her to over estimate.

And then the boys should also be kept off the streets at night. They have no business there. There are young boys attending schools in this city who are inveterate cigarette smokers as well as users of tobacco in other forms, whose parents would be shocked beyond expression if they knew it. There's the rub. You have to watch the young rascals mighty close. They are boys and boys will be boys.

At this period of a boy's life, he should not be going to school simply as a matter of course. He is not sent there for that purpose. He is sent there, for what? To prepare him for the battle of life which he must soon take up, the battle which he must sooner or later fight by himself all alone and in the face of unimaginable obstacles. Fathers, what is your boy doing? Has he the slightest idea of what he intends to do when he gets out of school? Is he beginning to pick up a little information in the profession or business or trade which he will follow? Could not these valuable hours spent in dawdling around the streets be put to a service that will mean more than money can measure to the young man in after years? What kind of language does he use? Is he being taught those rules of morality, of gentlemanly conduct and of attitude which should go along with what he is getting out of his text books? There are many things he should know that he will probably never find in any text book. Fathers, watch your boy. Don't spy upon him like a miserable peeper, but watch him as you should.

FATHERS AND MOTHERS, LOOK AFTER YOUR CHILDREN A LITTLE BETTER AND FOR GOD'S SAKE KEEP THEM OFF THE STREETS WHEN THEY SHOULD NOT BE THERE.

#### THE CAPITAL QUESTION, AGAIN!

"It is once again about time," says the Morgantown Chronicle, "for another agitation to put in its appearance for the removal of the state capital from Charleston." Then the new little sheet bustles along and tells what a fine spot there has been cleared somewhere among the hills near Elkins for its location.

Clarksburg was pretty prominent in the capital-removal agitation the last time it was up and the Morgantown Chronicle can just put it down for a surety that Clarksburg will be just a little more prominent when the next one comes up. Clarksburg is for the removal of the state capital from Charleston to Clarksburg, as in the past, first, last and all the time. When the thing comes up again, if it does, Clarksburg will be found in the front row and she will stay in to the death.

Clarksburg doesn't want the capital for what benefit it will derive from it; there isn't much to be gotten out of it. Clarksburg only wants to act humane and charitable, and not let the state's legislators sit in a pool of muddy Kanawha water between damp and mouldy walls and catch pneumonia and other undesirable things.

The Charleston papers will now please flare up!

A word should be said about the accuracy and reliability of the news service of the Associated Press, of which organization the Daily Telegram is a member, relative to the handling of the war news from the far east. Whenever a rumor prevails so as to be put on the cables, the Associated Press always states in the beginning of the article whether it is a rumor, or a report and when it has authentic or official verification it is so stated in the dispatches. Money and pains are not spared by this wonderful organization to secure accurate news reports and when the Associated Press says positively a thing is so, there can be no doubt about it.

The Wheeling Intelligencer in commenting upon the Telegram's discussion of the Clarksburg city water works says this paper stopped suddenly without extending any "definite remedy." The only "definite remedy" we can see for the present situation is rain. We have a water works system but no water and the city officials are now busily engaged in trying to find out where they can get some. A larger reservoir would help us out, if we had one, for a short period of time, but when the source of water supply completely disappears, what can be done? We might run a pipe line from the Ohio river,

Anarchists and other criminals at the World's Fair should bear in mind that Teddy Roosevelt is pretty handy with a gun himself. He has been out in the wild and woolly west where he had to learn to use that weapon and if he only had a gun and holster strapped to him instead of a body guard of hundreds he would be pretty well protected.

Those pessimistic people who read the newspaper reports of thousands of loaded cars of coal standing around on tracks should bear in mind that the first good heavy cold wave has not struck us yet.

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#### Editorial

#### Sparks

##### Not Hobgoblins After All.

A great many West Virginians are thankful also, now that they have had time to take the second sober thought that the new tax laws are not such terrible things as they had imagined them to be a little while back. It all depends upon how you look at a bog-a-bog, whether in front or behind. —Charleston Mail.

##### Dewie and Whiskers.

"Elijah" Dewie has given out his opinion that all good men wear whiskers and that no man can be truly good who does not cultivate them. Sounds like the prospect for profit had a grudge against the ancient and honorable profession of the barbers. —Pittsburg Times.

##### Cranks and Marriage.

One of our contemporaries advises girls not to marry cranks. There are some sour old bachelors who say that no man not a crank would get married. —Parkersburg Sentinel.

##### Weighted Down.

Harper's Weekly reminds us that Democracy has been buried as deeply before. But there were never so many deadweights on top of it. —Pittsburg Dispatch.

##### Aw, Forget It!

Governor-elect Douglass of Massachusetts, believes in pugging away. He is a shoe manufacturer. —Youngstown Telegram.

##### Isn't It A Fact?

Some women will believe things in novels that their husbands couldn't make stick with affidavits. —Galveston News.

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